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Dear Sir.

In response to an Office Action mailed April 8, 2003 and a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 6, 2003, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.